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April 1, 2002

LETTER IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, SIR:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted," dated February 6, 2002, enclosed is applicants' signed Declaration and Power of Attorney in the above-referenced application. A copy of the Notice is returned herewith.

Also enclosed is a check in payment of the surcharge.

A Letter to the Official Draftsman with seven (7) sheets of substitute drawings are submitted herewith.

An assignment by the inventor(s) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. is being mailed today.

Respectfully submitted,

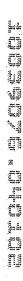
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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